

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this reissue application. The support for the amendments to claim 1, the specification and the abstract is found in the specification and in claims 6,7,12 and 13.

The specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,329,119, at column 2, line 46 to column 3, line 11, (column 3, lines 9 to 11 particularly), provides that, "Specific examples of A include methylene, ..., **sulfide and disulfide**" (emphasis added). Additionally, at column 3, lines 58 to 65, the specification provides that "Examples of the pyridine derivative that corresponds to Formula (Ib) specifically include 1,2-di(2-pyridyl)ethane, ..., 4,4'-dipyridylsulfide, 4,4'-dipyridyldisulfide and 2,2'-dipyridyldisulfide." Also, column 3, line 65 to column 4, line 9, the specification provides that,

Compounds in which 3-position or 4-position of two pyridine rings are linked with the connecting group A, such as 1,2-di(4-pyridyl)ethane, ..., 4,4'-dipyridylsulfide and 4,4'-dipyridyldisulfide are preferable, because they are able to exhibit the desired effects at a still smaller amount than others. Examples of the aniline based compound that corresponds to Formula (Ic) specifically include ... 4,4'-diaminodiphenylsulfide and 4,4'-diaminodiphenyldisulfide.

Additionally, in Example 1, column 10, line 30, 4,4'-dipyridyl sulfide is used as basic compound (F). All of these descriptions and examples were within the original disclosure of this

application and support the corrective changes to claim 1, the specification and the abstract. The amendment to claim 9 is clerical.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present reissue application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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